--- 25 Cigarettes - Series “A” - Tall Format – “Imperial Tobacco” - 1934-35 ---

*There was no **small size** 25 cigarette stamp in Series* “A”, and the *small size* imperforate “Series of 1915” twenty-five cigarette stamp remained the production standard until May 1935, when the imperforate twenty-five cigarette Series “C” stamp was introduced. However there was a twenty-five cigarette *tall format* Series “A” stamp which saw limited use by Imperial Tobacco in the mid 30’s.

Imperial Tobacco appears to have been the only major manufacturer to use this stamp, introducing it by July 1934 (under the 1932 Budget) and replacing it with the imperforate *tall format* Series “C” in June 1935. The catalogue does not list a *perforated* version of this tall format twenty-five cigarette stamp.

--- cancellation reading horizontally inverted - 4 copies to date ---

★**RC-317** - 25 cigarettes, imperf,
6-10-D / AC4 in July 1934

★**RC-317** - 25 cigarettes, imperf,
6-10-D / CFB in June 1935

[★RC-317]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
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When the 1932 Budget decreased the excise duty on *small cigarettes* from $6.00 to $4.00 per thousand (a decrease of 2¢ per ten cigarettes) Imperial Tobacco reduced their retail price for twenty-five cigarettes from 30¢ to 25¢ per package.

The extant used copies bear remnants of the packaging from ***Winchester*** cigarettes. In fact most of the *tall format* stamps in all denominations used by Imperial Tobacco appear to have come from this brand.

--- 25 Cigarette Transfer Rolls and Plates for the *tall format* - ex Chris Ryan ---

In a memorandum to *D. Sims, Esq.* (Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise) dated June 14th 1944, *L. A. White* and *C.R. Coombs* record the destruction of the CBN cigarette Transfer Rolls No. 970-XG and 971-XG for the Series “A” twenty-five cigarette *tall format* stamp.

In a similar memorandum, dated June 8th 1944, they record the destruction of plates No. 1 and 2 for the twenty-five cigarette Series “A” *tall format* stamp. [These the 200 impression plates were undoubtedly arranged - 20 x 10 stamps - JBH]

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